

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks and the above amendments. This response is believed to fully address all issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed September 8, 2006. Furthermore, no new matter is believed to have been introduced hereby.

Claims 11, 17, and 18 have been amended and claims 1-20 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The outstanding Office Action indicates that claims 1-16, 19, and 20 are allowed. Claim 18 is indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including the recitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 17 from which claim 18 depends has been amended as detailed above and, as further discussed below, claims 17 and 18 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims 1 through 20 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

The outstanding Office Action objects to claims 11 and 17. In particular, claims 11 and 17 have been objected to for improper recitations. In response, claims 11 and 17 have been amended as detailed above and, as a result, these objections are now moot.

Claim Rejection

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over US Patent No. 6,483,586 in view of US Patent No. 5,076,696. In response, without limiting the scope of the invention, only in an effort to impart precision to the claims (e.g., by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art), and merely to expedite the prosecution of the present application, claim 17 has been amended to in part recite “an elliptical cavity positioned adjacent to the substrate”. As indicated by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action at page 5, none of the cited references, taken alone or in combination, teach, disclose, or suggest such a recitation. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 17 is in condition for allowance.

Further, claim 18 which depends from claim 17 should be allowable for at least similar reasons, as well as additional or alternative elements that are recited therein but not shown in the cited prior art.

Conclusion

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned if that would expedite prosecution of the application.

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